

[English]

**Development Of Commercial Crops**

5826. SHRISANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is lower utilisation of plan outlay for commercial crops such as oilseeds, cotton, pulses;

(b) if so, the reason there fore;

(c) the plan provision for development of commercial crops in 1990-91 and the estimated amount actually utilised; and

(d) the measures taken to give impetus to the production of these commercial crops in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) since the State Governments are the implementing agencies., the utilisation of funds depends upon the progress of implementation of these schemes.

(c) The Plan provision and the utilisation of funds in respect of oilseeds, pulses and cotton during 1990-91 is given below.

	<i>Outlay</i>	<i>Utilisation</i>	
		<i>(Rs. in lakhs)</i>	
1. Oilseeds	6,000	5219.14	
2. pulses	2,405	1670.80	
3. Cotton	390	174.66	

(d) The Oilseeds Production Programme, the National Pulses Develop-

ment Programme, the Special Foodgrain Production Programme (pulses) and the Intensive Cotton Development Programme of the government of India are being implemented to increase the production of these commercial crops in the country. In addition, State Governments have been requested to give their suggestions to suitably modify these programmes to make them even more effective.

**Central State Farms.**

5827. SHRI VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central State farms in the country, state-wise;

(b) Whether these farms are functioning profitably;

(c) the total production of various foodgrains in these farms during 1991-92;

(d) whether the Government have any plan to improve the functioning of these farms; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) (a) There are 13 Central State Farms in the country. State-Wise break up of the same is as under

Assam	2
Haryana	1
Karnataka	1
Kerala	1
Mizoram	1